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### **WILSON COUNTY WORKFORCE EMPLOYER OUTREACH COMMITTEE FORMED** *LABOR DEPARTMENT REACHES OUT TO EMPLOYERS*

**NASHVILLE** - Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner James Neeley announces the formation of local Workforce Employer Outreach Committees (WEOC) across the state. The committees are an ongoing effort by the department to reach out to Tennessee employers and get valuable information to foster economic development and promote departmental services.

In Wilson County, a chairman, vice chairman and secretary have been named for the committee. Jim Mills, senior human resources generalist for Cracker Barrel, will chair the WEOC. Dave Keltner, vice president of Mediamail, will serve as vice chair. Sue Tatum, recruiter for Kelly Services, will be secretary for the group.

The committee is open to employers wishing to become involved. Some of the benefits of joining are the following: to have an opportunity to share ideas and concerns with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; to enhance your company's awareness of employment issues and legislation that affects your business operation; to gain a better understanding of the many programs and services the department provides; and an opportunity to network with various divisions within the department and build a personal working relationship with an employer services specialist from the department.

The first luncheon meeting will be held Thursday, October 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Baird Chapel at Cumberland University, One Cumberland Square, in Lebanon. The program will address the changes to the Worker's Compensation Law. Cost for the luncheon is \$10.

Future sessions will include discussions regarding the Tennessee Career Center, adult education, drug-free workplace, Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health, unemployment insurance, and more.

For more information on the Wilson County Workforce Employer Outreach Committee, please contact Sharon Johnson, employer services specialist for the Department of Labor & Workforce Development, at 615-741-5190.

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